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PART V

REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

SECTION 19. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA

Overview

TABLE 19.1. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAMME

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

	1992-1993 revised appropriation	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
		Amount	*Percentage*			
A. Policy-making organs	127.4	(50.7)	(39.7)	76.7	11.8	88.5
B. Executive direction and management	3 160.8	200.5	6.3	3 361.3	(153.3)	3 208.0
C. Programme of work						
1. Food and agriculture	1 751.5	(16.2)	(0.9)	1 735.3	(19.0)	1 716.3
2. Development issues and policies	1 906.4	(105.6)	(5.5)	1 800.8	26.7	1 827.5
3. Environment	530.1	119.5	22.5	649.6	(10.4)	639.2
4. Human settlements	1 143.2	(84.4)	(7.3)	1 058.8	32.3	1 091.1
5. Industrial development	2 273.5	(328.3)	(14.4)	1 945.2	42.6	1 987.8
6. International trade and development finance	681.6	(3.0)	(0.4)	678.6	(16.9)	661.7
7. Natural resources	1 063.5	(17.2)	(1.6)	1 046.3	(8.7)	1 037.6
8. Energy issues	1 218.5	(11.5)	(0.9)	1 207.0	40.5	1 247.5
9. Population	1 944.1	(19.1)	(0.9)	1 925.0	56.0	1 981.0
10. Public administration and finance	523.3	78.7	15.0	602.0	76.5	678.5
11. Science and technology	722.4	148.2	20.5	870.6	15.6	886.2
12. Social development and welfare	1 051.8	22.0	2.0	1 073.8	37.6	1 111.4
13. Women and development	686.2	45.5	6.6	731.7	(9.2)	722.5
14. Statistics	1 956.1	18.1	0.9	1 974.2	(130.2)	1 844.0
15. Transport and communications	1 600.7	(23.8)	(1.4)	1 576.9	21.3	1 598.2
Subtotal C	19 052.9	(177.1)	(0.9)	18 875.8	154.7	19 030.5
D. Programme support	22 992.8	249.6	1.0	23 242.4	(2 341.9)	20 900.5
Total	45 333.9	222.3	0.4	45 556.2	(2 328.7)	43 227.5

TABLE 19.1 (*continued*)

(2) Extrabudgetary

1992-1993 estimated expenditures	*Source of funds*	*1994-1995 estimated expenditures*
	(a) Services in support of:	
-	(i) Other United Nations organizations	-
302.2	(ii) Extrabudgetary programmes	354.1
302.2	**Total *(a)***	**354.1**
118.5	*(b)* Substantive activities	-
118.5	**Total *(b)***	**-**
	(c) Operational projects	
390.1	(i) UNDP	190.0
800.0	(ii) UNFPA	800.0
128.5	(iii) UNEP	250.0
132.6	(iv) UNIFEM	225.0
-	(v) UNIDO	15.0
440.0	(vi) Other multilateral sources	645.0
412.2	(vii) Bilateral sources	525.2
2 303.4	**Total *(c)***	**2 650.2**
2 724.1	**Total *(a)*, *(b)* and *(c)***	**3 004.3**
	Total costs	**46 231.8**

TABLE 19.2. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
		Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	39 333.6	499.6	1.2	39 833.2	(3 559.5)	36 273.7
Consultants and experts	868.4	(184.3)	(21.2)	684.1	149.7	833.8
Travel on official business	461.0	15.3	3.3	476.3	98.2	574.5
Contractual services	406.3	17.0	4.1	423.3	88.2	511.5
General operating expenses	3 172.6	(293.2)	(9.2)	2 879.4	642.9	3 522.3
Supplies and materials	543.7	(31.1)	(5.7)	512.6	106.5	619.1
Furniture and equipment	548.3	199.0	36.2	747.3	145.3	892.6
Total	**45 333.9**	**222.3**	**0.4**	**45 556.2**	**(2 328.7)**	**43 227.5**

TABLE 19.3. POST REQUIREMENTS

Organizational unit: Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-1	8	8	-	-	-	-	8	8
P-5	18	19	-	-	3	3	21	22
P-4	34	32	-	-	-	-	34	32
P-3	26	26	-	-	-	-	26	26
P-2/1	11	15	-	-	1	1	12	16
Total	**99**	**102**	**-**	**-**	**4**	**4**	**103**	**106**
Other categories								
Local level	188	184	-	-	5	5	193	189
Field Service	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
Total	**188**	**187**	**-**	**-**	**5**	**5**	**193**	**192**
Grand total	**287**	**289**	**-**	**-**	**9**	**9**	**296**	**298**

Overview

19.1 The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) was established by Economic and Social Council resolution 1818 (LV) of 9 August 1973, as amended by Council resolution 1985/69 of 26 July 1985. The secretariat of ESCWA has been located at Baghdad since 1982; however, owing to the Persian Gulf crisis, the secretariat has been temporarily moved to Amman, where all internationally recruited staff have been regrouped since August 1991. The Economic and Social Council, at its organizational session for 1993, decided in its resolution 1993/3 that a special session of the Commission should be held at Beirut, at the invitation of the Government of Lebanon, to discuss the question of the permanent headquarters of the Commission. At the time of preparation of the present proposed programme budget, that special session had not taken place.

19.2 The proposed programme of work of ESCWA is derived from programme 34 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised (A/47/6/Rev.1), which consists of 15 subprogrammes.

19.3 ESCWA's activities during the biennium 1994-1995 will focus on regional cooperation and coordination, particularly in the field of environment and sustainable development, on the Decade for the Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Western Asia (1994-2003) and on the impact of the establishment of the single European market on the countries in the region of Western Asia. Specific attention will also be given to preparatory work for the world conferences to be convened during 1994-1995.

19.4 On the recommendation of the Commission, the Economic and Social Council decided, in its resolution 1993/2, to establish a Statistical Committee to meet biennially; ESCWA's work in statistics will therefore place greater emphasis on standardizing statistical methods and concepts as they pertain to the region and to coordinating statistical work at the regional level.

19.5 ESCWA will continue to implement its work programme in close cooperation with other relevant specialized agencies and entities of the United Nations. ESCWA will also continue to maintain close collaboration with intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

19.6 The proposals for ESCWA entail a growth rate of 0.4 per cent. The overall level of resources would reflect, *inter alia*, the transfer to ESCWA of three Field Service posts from the Field Operations Division and the reclassification of one P-4 to P-5 and four Local level posts to P-2; the abolition of one P-4 and reductions in the amount of $184,300 from the overall provision for consultants and experts; $293,200 from general operating expenses and $31,100 from supplies and materials; other elements of growth, including $15,300 for travel on official business, $17,000 for data-processing services in support of the additional users of the IMIS project and $199,000 for furniture and equipment.

19.7 The estimated percentage distribution of the total resources of ESCWA for 1994-1995 would be as follows:

		Regular budget	*Extrabudgetary*
		(percentage)	
A.	Policy-making organs	0.2	-
B.	Executive direction and management	7.4	-
C.	Programme of work	41.4	100.0
D.	Programme support	51.0	-
	Total	100.0	100.0

19.8 Within the programme of work, the estimated percentage distribution of resources among subprogrammes would be as follows:

		Regular budget	*Extrabudgetary*
		(percentage)	
Subprogramme 1.	Food and agriculture	9.2	-
Subprogramme 2.	Development issues and policies	9.5	-
Subprogramme 3.	Environment	3.4	0.8
Subprogramme 4.	Human settlements	5.6	5.6
Subprogramme 5.	Industrial development	10.3	3.9
Subprogramme 6.	International trade and development finance	3.6	1.9
Subprogramme 7.	Natural resources	5.5	15.6
Subprogramme 8.	Energy issues	6.4	-
Subprogramme 9.	Population	10.2	30.1
Subprogramme 10.	Public administration and finance	3.2	-
Subprogramme 11.	Science and technology	4.6	10.9
Subprogramme 12.	Social development and welfare	5.7	14.8
Subprogramme 13.	Women and development	3.9	8.7
Subprogramme 14.	Statistics	10.5	7.7
Subprogramme 15.	Transport and communications	8.4	-
	Total	100.0	100.0

A. Policy-making organs

TABLE 19.4. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
		Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	127.4	(50.7)	(39.7)	76.7	11.8	88.5
Total	**127.4**	**(50.7)**	**(39.7)**	**76.7**	**11.8**	**88.5**

19.9 The Commission, which reports to the Economic and Social Council, provides overall direction to the work of the secretariat. It meets biennially (1995). The Commission has two subsidiary bodies, the Technical Committee, which assists the Commission in programme matters and meets annually, and the Statistical Committee, which meets biennially (1995).

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Staff costs

19.10 The estimated requirements for temporary assistance for meetings would amount to $76,700. This provision includes an increase of $10,000 to provide for interpretation and translation services in view of the increase in regional meetings and reflects a reduction of $60,700 for a non-recurrent provision appropriated in 1992-1993.

B. Executive direction and management

TABLE 19.5. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

	1992-1993 revised appropriation	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
		Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	3 082.7	185.8	6.0	3 268.5	(171.7)	3 096.8
Consultants and experts	-	14.7	-	14.7	2.2	16.9
Travel on official business	78.1	-	-	78.1	16.2	94.3
Total, regular budget	**3 160.8**	**200.5**	**6.3**	**3 361.3**	**(153.3)**	**3 208.0**

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

1992-1993 estimated expenditures	*Source of funds*	*1994-1995 estimated expenditures*
	(a) Services in support of:	
-	(i) Other United Nations organizations	-
100.5	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	-
Total *(a)* **100.5**		-
30.0	*(b)* Substantive activities	-
Total *(b)* **30.0**		-
Total *(c)* -	*(c)* Operational projects	-
Total *(a)*, *(b)* and *(c)* **130.5**		-
	Total costs	**3 208.0**

TABLE 19.6. POST REQUIREMENTS

Programme: Executive direction and management

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-5	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
P-4	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
P-3	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-2/1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	**9**	**9**	-	-	-	-	**9**	**9**
Other categories								
Local level	9	11	-	-	-	-	9	11
Total	**9**	**11**	-	-	-	-	**9**	**11**
Grand total	**18**	**20**	-	-	-	-	**18**	**20**

19.11 The Office of the Executive Secretary provides overall direction, supervision and management of the secretariat of ESCWA in the implementation of its legislative mandates and its approved work programme. The Office is also responsible for the overall coordination of programme planning, monitoring and evaluation.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Staff costs

19.12 It is proposed to redeploy two Other level posts from programme support to the Office of the Executive Secretary to provide secretarial and administrative support in connection with programme planning, coordination, monitoring and evaluation.

Consultants and experts

19.13 The estimated requirements of $14,700 would be for expertise in multidisciplinary activities not falling within individual subprogrammes, such as those related to the economic and social conditions of the Palestinian Arab people in the occupied Palestinian territories, as requested by the Commission. The estimates would be offset by the decrease of a corresponding amount under programme support.

Travel on official business

19.14 The estimated requirements of $78,100 would be for attendance by the Executive Secretary and his staff at meetings within and outside the region, for consultations with Governments, participation at intergovernmental meetings held in New York and Geneva, and for coordination with other United Nations entities.

C. Programme of work

TABLE 19.7. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

	1992-1993 revised appropriation	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
		Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	17 996.5	(80.0)	(0.4)	17 916.5	(48.3)	17 868.2
Consultants and experts	742.8	(119.0)	(16.0)	623.8	134.0	757.8
Travel on official business	313.6	21.9	6.9	335.5	69.0	404.5
Total, regular budget	**19 052.9**	**(177.1)**	**(0.9)**	**18 875.8**	**154.7**	**19 030.5**

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

1992-1993 estimated expenditures	*Source of funds*	*1994-1995 estimated expenditures*
	(a) Services in support of:	
-	(i) Other United Nations organizations	-
201.7	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	354.1
Total *(a)* **201.7**		**354.1**
88.5	*(b)* Substantive activities	-
Total *(b)* **88.5**		-
	(c) Operational projects:	
390.1	(i) UNDP	190.0
800.0	(ii) UNFPA	800.0
128.5	(iii) UNEP	250.0
132.6	(iv) UNIFEM	225.0
-	(v) UNIDO	15.0
440.0	(vi) Other multilateral sources	645.0
412.2	(vii) Bilateral sources	525.2
Total *(c)* **2 303.4**		**2 650.2**
Total *(a)*, *(b)* and *(c)* **2 593.6**		**3 004.3**
	Total costs	**22 034.8**

TABLE 19.8. POST REQUIREMENTS

Programme of work

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
D-1	6	6	-	-	-	-	6	6
P-5	11	12	-	-	3	3	14	15
P-4	25	23	-	-	-	-	25	23
P-3	13	13	-	-	-	-	13	13
P-2/1	7	9	-	-	1	1	8	10
Total	**62**	**63**	**-**	**-**	**4**	**4**	**66**	**67**
Other categories								
Local level	48	46	-	-	4	4	52	50
Total	**48**	**46**	**-**	**-**	**4**	**4**	**52**	**50**
Grand total	**110**	**109**	**-**	**-**	**8**	**8**	**118**	**117**

19.15 Programme 34, Regional cooperation for development in Western Asia, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised (A/47/6/Rev.1), adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/214 of 23 December 1992, provides the framework for the activities to be undertaken by ESCWA during the biennium 1994-1995. Those activities are described under the 15 subprogrammes presented below.

19.16 To a large extent, ESCWA will emphasize a multidisciplinary approach in its programme of work. Examples of the multidisciplinary approach to be taken among subprogrammes include activities related to the Decade for the Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Western Asia (1994-2003); a major study on the impact of the establishment of the single European market on the countries in the region of Western Asia; and statistics on environment, industrial development, population, social development and women.

19.17 All subprogrammes contribute to the annual Economic and Social Survey of the ESCWA region.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Staff costs

19.18 It is proposed to abolish one P-4 post, which was redeployed temporarily in the context of the policy on treatment of vacancies, and to reclassify one P-4 to P-5 in the statistics programme and two Other level posts to the P-2 level. As a result, the total number of posts for ESCWA's programme of work would be 63 Professional and 46 Local level staff under the regular budget.

Consultants and experts

19.19 The estimated requirements of $623,800 reflect decreases of $74,700 for consultants and $44,300 for ad hoc expert groups. Non-recurrent provisions of $10,000 for consultants and $20,000 for one ad hoc expert group meeting to provide expertise in the preparatory work for the Fourth World Conference on Women are proposed.

Travel on official business

19.20 The estimated requirements of $335,500 reflect an increase of $21,900. This increase represents the difference between a non-recurrent provision of $50,000 proposed for travel to the six major conferences and their preparatory committees (to be held during the biennium on population, small island developing States, social development, habitat, women and crime prevention) and an overall decrease of $28,100 for travel proposed under relevant subprogrammes below.

1. FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

TABLE 19.9. ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
		Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	1 694.8	-	-	1 694.8	(27.6)	1 667.2
Consultants and experts	39.8	(16.2)	(40.7)	23.6	5.1	28.7
Travel on official business	16.9	-	-	16.9	3.5	20.4
Total	**1 751.5**	**(16.2)**	**(0.9)**	**1 735.3**	**(19.0)**	**1 716.3**

TABLE 19.10. POST REQUIREMENTS

Subprogramme: Food and agriculture

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
P-5	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-4	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
P-3	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
P-2/1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	**6**	**6**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**6**	**6**
Other categories								
Local level	5	5	-	-	-	-	5	5
Total	**5**	**5**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**5**	**5**
Grand total	**11**	**11**	**-**	**-**	**-***	**-***	**11**	**11**

* One D-1, one P-5 and one P-4 post will continue to be financed by FAO.

Subprogramme 1. Food and agriculture

19.21 The activities to be carried out by the Joint ESCWA/FAO Agriculture Division will focus on regional environmental priorities of Agenda 21, promotion of cooperation among ESCWA countries in developing agricultural policies with a special emphasis on price and trade policies, and the impact of the single European market on ESCWA countries. Efforts will also be intensified in strengthening national capacities in agricultural planning and policy formulation through training workshops and seminars.

19.22 Continuing activities will include monitoring agricultural developments in the region, improving national databases needed for the formulation of agricultural plans, programmes and policies, and support to the regional and national efforts in the rehabilitation of the agricultural sectors in the countries affected by civil strife and military conflicts, through preparation of rehabilitation programmes and formulation of specific projects in Lebanon, the occupied Palestinian territories and other countries.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations: coordination with regional organizations and institutions dealing with agriculture in the ESCWA region, namely, the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development, the Arab Centre for the Studies of Arid Zones and Drylands, the International Centre for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas, the Agricultural Food Marketing Association for the Near East and North Africa, the Near East/North Africa Regional Agricultural Credit Association, the Centre for Agricultural and Rural Development in the Near East and the Arab Federation for Food Industry.

2. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation: two reports to the Commission on the results of the ad hoc expert group meetings on integrated development of drylands in the ESCWA region (fourth quarter, 1994) and on the implementation of a programme for the integrated development of drylands in the ESCWA region (fourth quarter, 1995).

3. Published material

(a) Four recurrent publications: *Agriculture and Development in Western Asia*; numbers 16 and 17 (fourth quarters, 1994 and 1995); and *Review and analysis of recent developments in agriculture in Western Asia: performances, issues and policies* (fourth quarters, 1994 and 1995);

(b) Thirteen non-recurrent publications: preparation of national agricultural resource conservation strategies in two ESCWA countries (third and fourth quarters, 1994); subregional agricultural price and trade policies in five ESCWA countries (third quarter, 1994); a subregional approach towards integrated agricultural development (third quarter, 1995);* impact of the single European market on the agricultural sector in the ESCWA countries (fourth quarter, 1994); assessment of institutional structures for planning and implementation of rural policies and programmes in two ESCWA countries (fourth quarters, 1994 and 1995); assessment and evaluation of an agricultural extension/rural financial institutions in two ESCWA countries (fourth quarters, 1994 and 1995); the impact of structural adjustment on the agricultural marketing sector in one ESCWA country (fourth quarter, 1994); farm data handbooks for two selected ESCWA countries (third quarters, 1994 and 1995); and commodity-specific policy analysis matrix for two ESCWA countries (fourth quarters, 1994 and 1995).

4. Ad hoc expert groups

Two ad hoc expert groups on integrated development of drylands in the ESCWA region (third quarter, 1994) (RB/XB); and the implementation of a programme for the integrated development of drylands in the ESCWA region (third quarter, 1995) (RB/XB).

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* High priority.

5. Operational activities (XB)

(a) Advisory services on agricultural policies and programmes for countries in the region; establishment of a regional network on agricultural planning and policy analysis; promotion of a regional research, training and information network on desertification control; formulation of resource conservation projects in two ESCWA countries; and formulation of specific projects for the rehabilitation of the agricultural sectors in ESCWA countries affected by civil strife and military conflicts;

(b) Group training: regional seminar on agricultural policy analysis (third quarter, 1995); national training workshops on agricultural policy analysis and farm management in two ESCWA countries (fourth quarter, 1994, and third quarter, 1995); and national workshops on monitoring and evaluation of rural development projects in two ESCWA countries (third quarters, 1994 and 1995).

6. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

The activities of this subprogramme will be carried out in close collaboration with FAO. The subprogramme will also coordinate its activities with UNEP and ACC Task Force on Rural Development and Desertification.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Staff costs

19.23 The posts in this subprogramme will be supported by three Professional posts from FAO at the D-1, P-5 and P-4 level, respectively (72 work-months).

Consultants and experts

19.24 The estimated requirements of $23,600, reflecting a decrease of $16,200, relate to the expertise required to provide technical inputs into various studies and for the convening of the two expert group meetings mentioned above.

Travel on official business

19.25 The estimated requirement of $16,900 relates to travel in connection with collecting data and information for the initiation and finalization of several publications, for consultations with Governments, and for participation in meetings of the ACC Task Force on Rural Development and Desertification.

2. DEVELOPMENT ISSUES AND POLICIES

TABLE 19.11. ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
		Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	1 722.6	-	-	1 722.6	5.3	1 727.9
Consultants and experts	133.2	(82.8)	(62.1)	50.4	14.6	65.0
Travel on official business	50.6	(22.8)	(45.0)	27.8	6.8	34.6
Total	**1 906.4**	**(105.6)**	**(5.5)**	**1 800.8**	**26.7**	**1 827.5**

TABLE 19.12. POST REQUIREMENTS

Subprogramme: Development issues and policies

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-5	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-4	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
P-3	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
Total	6	6	-	-	-	-	6	6
Other categories								
Local level	4	4	-	-	-	-	4	4
Total	4	4	-	-	-	-	4	4
Grand total	10	10	-	-	-	-	10	10

Subprogramme 2. Development issues and policies

19.26 The activities will focus on promoting national development and regional cooperation and integration, with emphasis on the problems and needs of the least developed member country. Particular attention will be given to issues of income distribution and poverty; policies and measures to alleviate poverty; and the impact of privatization policies on economic growth, development and welfare. Monitoring progress in the implementation of the New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s, as related to the least developed ESCWA member country, will continue.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation: two reports to the Economic and Social Council through the Commission on the Survey of Economic and Social Developments in Western Asia and review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (fourth quarters, 1994 and 1995).

2. Published material

(a) Three issues of recurrent publications: *Survey of Economic and Social Developments in the ESCWA Region* and *Review and Appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade* (second quarters, 1994 and 1995);* and *Review of the Progress Made in the Implementation of the New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s* (second quarter, 1995);

(b) Three non-recurrent publications: policies and measures to reduce income disparities and alleviate poverty in selected ESCWA countries (fourth quarter, 1995); and comparative experiences with privatization in selected ESCWA countries (fourth quarters, 1994 and 1995).

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* High priority.

3. Ad hoc expert groups

One expert group meeting on policies and measures to reduce income disparities and alleviate poverty in selected ESCWA countries (fourth quarter, 1995).

4. Coordination

Participation in the ACC Task Force on Long-term Development Objectives.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Consultants and experts

19.27 The estimated requirements for consultants and experts would amount to $50,400. This estimate comprises $28,500 for consultants, which reflects a decrease of $15,500, to provide for specialized inputs for the annual *Survey of Economic and Social Developments in the ESCWA Region* and for two non-recurrent publications. The remaining provision for $21,900, which reflects a decrease of $67,300, is proposed for the convening of an expert group meeting on policies and measures to reduce income disparities and alleviate poverty in selected ESCWA countries.

Travel on official business

19.28 An estimate of $27,800, reflecting a decrease of $22,800, would cover the official travel of staff to meet with government officials and those of concerned regional and national organizations and institutions, for verification of information connected with various studies and for participating in relevant regional and international meetings.

3. ENVIRONMENT

TABLE 19.13. ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
		Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	508.1	92.9	19.2	601.0	(17.8)	583.2
Consultants and experts	10.9	16.6	152.2	27.5	4.1	31.6
Travel on official business	11.1	10.0	90.0	21.1	3.3	24.4
Total, regular budget	**530.1**	**119.5**	**22.5**	**649.6**	**(10.4)**	**639.2**

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

1992-1993 estimated expenditures	*Source of funds*	*1994-1995 estimated expenditures*
-	*(a)* Services in support of:	
22.0	(i) Other United Nations organizations	-
	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	2.6
Total *(a)* **22.0**		**2.6**
4.0	*(b)* Substantive activities	-
Total *(b)* **4.0**		-
	(c) Operational projects	
93.5	(i) UNEP	-
-	(ii) Bilateral sources	20.0
Total *(c)* **93.5**		**20.0**
Total *(a)*, *(b)* and *(c)* **119.5**		**22.6**
	Total costs	**661.8**

TABLE 19.14. POST REQUIREMENTS

Subprogramme: Environment

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
P-4	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-3	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	**2**	**2**	-	-	-	-	**2**	**2**
Other categories								
Local level	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	2
Total	**1**	**2**	-	-	-	-	**1**	**2**
Grand total	**3**	**4**	-	-	-	-	**3**	**4**

Subprogramme 3. Environment

19.29 The activities of this subprogramme will focus on implementation of Agenda 21 in the ESCWA countries, particularly the promotion of capacity-building; implementation of the Arab Declaration on Environment and Development and Future Prospects; and environmental legislation in the ESCWA region. Activities of this subprogramme contribute to the preparation of the annual *Survey of Economic and Social Developments in the ESCWA Region.*

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations: coordination with LAS, the Centre for Environment in the Arab Region and Europe, the Arab Planning Institute, OAPEC, EEC and other regional and international organizations concerned with environment and development for the implementation of Agenda 21 and priority projects as identified by the Council of Arab Ministers Responsible for Environment.

2. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation: five reports to the Commission on implementation of the Ministerial Arab Declaration on Environment and Development and Future Prospects in the ESCWA region (fourth quarter, 1994); establishment of an inter-agency coordinating committee on environment and development (first quarter, 1994);* the outcome of the expert group meeting on environmental legislation in the ESCWA region (fourth quarter, 1994); the outcome of the expert group meeting on environment planning and management (fourth quarter, 1995); and the outcome of the ad hoc expert group meeting on environmental indicators in the ESCWA region (fourth quarter, 1994).

3. Published materials

Three non-recurrent publications: study on environmental planning and management for development at regional level (fourth quarter, 1994); study on environmental legislation in the ESCWA region (first quarter, 1995); and review of regional policies and plans on environment (second quarter, 1994).

4. Ad hoc expert groups (RB/XB)

Three ad hoc expert groups on environmental legislation in the ESCWA region (second quarter, 1994); environment planning and management (first quarter, 1995); and environmental indicators in the ESCWA region (second quarter, 1994).

5. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Coordination with the Global Environmental Facility and other United Nations regional and international offices and agencies concerned with environment and development for the implementation of Agenda 21.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Staff costs

19.30 It is proposed to redeploy one Local level post to this subprogramme from the Human settlements subprogramme.

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* High priority.

Consultants and experts

19.31 The estimated requirements of $27,500 include $9,500 for consultants in environmental planning and management for development and for the review of regional policies and plans on environment, and $18,000 for the three ad hoc expert groups mentioned above.

Travel on official business

19.32 The estimated requirements of $21,100 for travel, including a non-recurrent amount of $10,000 for participation in the Global Conference on Small Island Developing States, relate to travel for consultations with government officials, data collection and participation in meetings within and outside the region.

4. HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

TABLE 19.15. ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
		Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	1 093.8	(92.5)	(8.4)	1 000.9	22.1	1 023.0
Consultants and experts	37.4	(1.5)	(4.0)	35.9	6.2	42.1
Travel on official business	12.0	10.0	83.3	22.0	4.0	26.0
Total, regular budget	**1 143.2**	**(84.4)**	**(7.3)**	**1 058.8**	**32.3**	**1 091.1**

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

1992-1993 estimated expenditures	*Source of funds*	*1994-1995 estimated expenditures*
	(a) Services in support of:	
-	(i) Other United Nations organizations	-
9.5	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	19.3
Total *(a)* 9.5		**19.3**
15.0	*(b)* Substantive activities	-
Total *(b)* 15.0		-
	(c) Operational projects	
23.0	(i) UNDP	25.0
83.0	(ii) Other multilateral sources	70.0
58.0	(iii) Bilateral sources	53.8
Total *(c)* 164.4		**148.8**
Total *(a)*, *(b)* and *(c)* 188.5		**168.1**
	Total costs	**1 259.2**

TABLE 19.16. POST REQUIREMENTS

Subprogramme: Human settlements

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
P-5	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-4	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-3	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-2/1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	**4**	**4**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**4**	**4**
Other categories								
Local level	3	2	-	-	-	-	3	2
Total	**3**	**2**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**3**	**2**
Grand total	**7**	**6**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**7**	**6**

Subprogramme 4. Human settlements

19.33 The focus of the Human settlements subprogramme for 1994-1995 will be on activities related to the Decade for the Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Western Asia (1994-2003), implementation of the recommendations of the Symposium on Low-cost Housing held in 1992; preparatory activities for the Habitat II conference to be held in Turkey in 1996; and recommendations of Agenda 21. The major themes to be addressed would be crisis housing, upgrading and revitalizing settlements, and appropriate techniques for construction and human settlement development.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation: report to the Commission on the outcome of the ad hoc expert group meeting on appropriate technology for upgrading settlements (fourth quarter, 1994).

2. Published material

Four non-recurrent publications: technological and social aspects of upgrading and revitalizing settlements (third quarter, 1994); study on appropriate technology for upgrading settlements (fourth quarter, 1994); profile of housing crises in the ESCWA region, including the occupied Palestinian territories (first quarter,1995); and development of indigenous capabilities for construction, in cooperation with the Industrial development subprogramme (third quarter, 1994).

3. Ad hoc expert groups

One expert group meeting on appropriate technology for upgrading settlements (third quarter, 1994) (RB/XB).*

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* High priority.

4. Information material and services

Information booklets on appropriate building technology; exhibitions on techniques for upgrading settlements (third quarter, 1994) and on shelter and environment: designing for sustainable development (first quarter, 1994).

5. Operational activities (XB)

(a) Advisory services on upgrading and revitalizing secondary settlements and deteriorated urban areas; and promotion of integrated human settlement development;

(b) Group training and seminars: seminar on energy-efficient housing (first quarter, 1994);* and workshop on the establishment of a regional network for assistance in crisis housing situations (first quarter, 1995).

6. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Participation in the Preparatory Committee meetings of Habitat II and the fourteenth session of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) (second quarter, 1995); and coordination meeting with Habitat and LAS.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Staff costs

19.34 It is proposed to redeploy one Other level post from this subprogramme to the Environment subprogramme.

Consultants and experts

19.35 The estimated requirements of $35,900 comprise $16,400 for consultants to provide specialized input into selected activities related to the upgrading and revitalization of human settlements; appropriate and traditional building techniques in the region; profile of the housing crisis in the ESCWA region and an information booklet on appropriate building technology; and a provision of $19,500, reflecting a decrease of $1,500, for an expert group meeting on appropriate technology for upgrading settlements.

Travel on official business

19.36 The estimated requirements of $22,000 relate to data collection and consultations with Governments within and outside the region. The increase of $10,000 would be a non-recurrent provision for travel for participants in the Preparatory Committee meetings of Habitat II.

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* High priority.

5. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

TABLE 19.17. ESIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
		Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	2 197.3	(318.2)	(14.4)	1 879.1	29.4	1 908.5
Consultants and experts	52.7	(10.1)	(19.1)	42.6	8.3	50.9
Travel on official business	23.5	-	-	23.5	4.9	28.4
Total, regular budget	**2 273.5**	**(328.3)**	**(14.4)**	**1 945.2**	**42.6**	**1 987.8**

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

1992-1993 estimated expenditur	*Source of funds*	*1994-1995 estimated expenditures*
	(a) Services in support of:	
-	(i) Other United Nations organizations	-
29.0	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	13.6
Total *(a)* **29.0**		**13.6**
15.0	*(b)* Substantive activities	-
Total *(b)* **15.0**		-
	(c) Operational projects	
200.0	(i) UNDP	-
-	(ii) UNEP	5.0
-	(iii) Other multilateral sources	-
110.0	(iv) Bilateral sources	99.8
Total *(c)* **310.0**		**104.8**
Total *(a)*, *(b)* and *(c)* **354.0**		**118.4**
	Total costs	**2 106.2**

TABLE 19.18. POST REQUIREMENTS

Subprogramme: Industrial development

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-5	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-4	3	2	-	-	-	-	3	2
P-3	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
P-2/1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	**8**	**7**	-	-	-	-	**8**	**7**
Other categories								
Local level	5	4	-	-	-	-	5	4
Total	**5**	**4**	-	-	-	-	**5**	**4**
Grand total	**13**	**11**	-	-	-	-	**13**	**11**

Subprogramme 5. Industrial development

19.37 During the biennium 1994-1995, the activities will focus on promotion of entrepreneurship and the private sector, development of entrepreneurial and managerial skills, especially under changing conditions, and the development of small and medium enterprises, more particularly the promotion of investment opportunities in technology-based and food processing industries. New activities will be carried out on modernization of conventional industries and the promotion of cleaner industrial production technologies.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations: coordination with LAS and the Arab Industrial Development and Metallurgical Organization on the implementation of a special programme of action for industrial development in the Arab countries, and participation in conferences of the Organization and those of relevant regional organizations.

2. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation: three reports to the Commission on the results of the ad hoc expert group meeting on modernization of conventional industries in the ESCWA region (fourth quarter, 1995); results of the ad hoc expert group meeting on entrepreneurial and managerial skills in small and medium enterprises under changing conditions (fourth quarter, 1995); and the project to establish a regional centre for design, maintenance, operation and automation of instrumentation (fourth quarter, 1995).

3. Published material

(a) Three issues of recurrent publications: *Review of recent industrial Developments and Prospects in the ESCWA Region* (fourth quarter, 1995); and *Survey of Industrial Development: Contribution to the Survey of Economic and Social Developments in Western Asia* (fourth quarters, 1994 and 1995);

(b) Ten non-recurrent publications: study on industrial investment promotion in Yemen (first quarter, 1995); study on the implications of the establishment of single European market on industrial development in the ESCWA region (fourth quarter, 1994); study on assistance to existing industries in the region and problems faced (second quarter, 1995); proceedings of the Second Arab Conference on Perspectives of Modern Biotechnology (second quarter, 1994) (XB); study on entrepreneurial and managerial skills in small and medium enterprises under changing conditions (fourth quarter, 1995); study on promoting the use of cleaner industrial production technologies in selected ESCWA countries and selected industrial sectors (first quarter, 1995) (RB/XB); study on investment opportunities in selected food processing and chemical industries (fourth quarter, 1995); study on the participation of women in manufacturing industries: patterns, determinants and future trends in the ESCWA region (first quarter, 1995); study on modernization of conventional industries in the ESCWA region (fourth quarter, 1995); and study on plant-based aromatics and medicinal products (fourth quarter, 1995).

4. Ad hoc expert groups

Two ad hoc expert groups on modernization of conventional industries in the ESCWA region (second quarter, 1995) (RB/XB); and entrepreneurial and managerial skills in small and medium enterprises under changing conditions (second quarter, 1995).

5. Operational activities (XB)

(a) Advisory services on the management and operation of selected industries;

(b) Group training, including seminars and workshops: seminar on electronics and communication industries in the Arab countries (second quarter, 1995); forum to promote investment opportunities in technology-based small and medium-scale enterprises (third quarter, 1995); and workshop on the generation of business ideas for potential entrepreneurs in war-torn areas/occupied Palestinian territories (third quarter, 1994).

6. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Coordination with UNIDO on the implementation of a special programme for industrial development in the Arab countries; contribution to, and preparation for, the UNIDO meeting for the global report, as well as participation in UNIDO meetings and conferences.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Staff costs

19.38 It is proposed to reclassify one Local level post to the P-2 level in accordance with the standards promulgated by ICSC in the reclassification exercise for Local level posts in the regional commissions.

19.39 It is proposed to redeploy from this subprogramme one P-2 post and the activities on biotechnology to the subprogramme on Science and technology. It is also proposed to abolish one P-4 post, which was temporarily redeployed in the context of the policy on the treatment of vacancies.

Consultants and experts

19.40 The estimated requirements ($42,600) comprise a provision of $22,900 for consultants, which reflects a decrease of $10,100, to assist in the preparation of reports, particularly on entrepreneurship development, and a provision of $19,700 for two expert group meetings on modernization of conventional industries and on entrepreneurial and managerial skills in small and medium enterprises under changing conditions.

Travel on official business

19.41 The estimated requirements of $23,500 relate to travel for collection of data, consultations with government officials and participation in the annual session of UNIDO and other meetings within and outside the region.

6. INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT FINANCE

TABLE 19.19. ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
		Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	654.5	-	-	654.5	(21.6)	632.9
Consultants and experts	11.6	(1.0)	(8.6)	10.6	1.6	12.2
Travel on official business	15.5	(2.0)	(12.9)	13.5	3.1	16.6
Total, regular budget	**681.6**	**(3.0)**	**(0.4)**	**678.6**	**(16.9)**	**661.7**

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

1992-1993 estimated expenditures	*Source of funds*	*1994-1995 estimated expenditures*
	(a) Services in support of:	
-	(i) Other United Nations organizations	-
-	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	6.5
-	**Total *(a)***	**6.5**
-	*(b)* Substantive activities	-
-	**Total *(b)***	**-**
	(c) Operational projects	
-	(i) UNDP	25.0
-	(ii) Other multilateral sources	25.0
-	**Total *(c)***	**50.0**
-	**Total *(a)*, *(b)* and *(c)***	**56.5**
	Total costs	**718.2**

TABLE 19.20. POST REQUIREMENTS

Subprogramme: International trade and development finance

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
P-5	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-4	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	**2**	**2**	-	-	-	-	**2**	**2**
Other categories								
Local level	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
Total	**2**	**2**	-	-	-	-	**2**	**2**
Grand total	**4**	**4**	-	-	-	-	**4**	**4**

Subprogramme 6. International trade and development finance

19.42 The activities will focus on the impact of the single European market on trade in the region; promotion of trade in services; trade between countries in the region and the countries in the process of transition to a market economy; and trade policy aspects of environmental measures.

Activities

1. Published material

(a) Two recurrent publications: review of developments and issues in the external trade and payments situation of countries of Western Asia (second quarters, 1994 and 1995);

(b) Four non-recurrent publications: impact of the single European market on the trade of countries of Western Asia (fourth quarter, 1994);* the potential of trade between countries in Western Asia and countries in transition to a market economy (third quarter, 1995);** promoting trade in services in selected ESCWA countries (fourth quarter, 1995); and trade policy aspects of environmental measures in countries of Western Asia (fourth quarter, 1995).

2. Operational activities (XB)

Group training on rationalization and computerization of customs procedures and data in countries of Western Asia (first quarters, 1994 and 1995).

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* High priority.

** Low priority.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Consultants and experts

19.43 An estimate of $10,600, reflecting a decrease of $1,000, would cover the cost of expertise on the impact of the single European market on the trade of Western Asia and on trade policy aspects of environmental measures.

Travel on official business

19.44 The estimated requirement of $13,500 which reflects a decrease of $2,000 relates to travel of staff for consultations with government officials and participation in regional and international meetings.

7. NATURAL RESOURCES

TABLE 19.21. ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
		Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	972.7	-	-	972.7	(27.1)	945.6
Consultants and experts	66.6	(15.2)	(22.8)	51.4	13.3	64.7
Travel on official business	24.2	(2.0)	(8.2)	22.2	5.1	27.3
Total, regular budget	**1 063.5**	**(17.2)**	**(1.6)**	**1 046.3**	**(8.7)**	**1 037.6**

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

1992-1993 estimated expenditures	*Source of funds*	*1994-1995 estimated expenditures*
	(a) Services in support of:	
-	(i) Other United Nations organizations	-
41.2	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	54.0
Total *(a)* **41.2**		**54.0**
12.0	*(b)* Substantive activities	-
Total *(b)* **12.0**		-
	(c) Operational projects	
110.0	(i) UNEP	140.0
40.0	(ii) Other multilateral sources	160.0
155.3	(iii) Bilateral sources	115.6
Total *(c)* **305.3**		**415.6**
Total *(a)*, *(b)* and *(c)* **358.5**		**469.6**
	Total costs	**1 507.2**

TABLE 19.22. POST REQUIREMENTS

Subprogramme: Natural resources

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
P-5	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-4	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
Total	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	3
Other categories								
Local level	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	3
Total	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	3
Grand total	6	6	-	-	-	-	6	6

Subprogramme 7. Natural resources

19.45 Activities will continue to be directed at promoting regional and subregional cooperation in the development and utilization of national and shared water resources; strengthening national capabilities in the fields of exploration, assessment and utilization of water resources; identifying and addressing water-related environmental problems; introducing and promoting the application of new technologies (remote sensing, isotope hydrology, etc.); promotion of regional cooperation in the development of mineral resources in the region with special emphasis on non-metallic ores; and disseminating information based on ESCWA natural resource database and annual surveys.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations: coordination and cooperation with competent bodies of LAS such as the Arab Centre for Science and Technology for Development and the ALESCO.

2. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation: four reports to the Commission on introduction of appropriate mechanisms to promote regional cooperation in the water sector (first quarter, 1995); findings and recommendations of the ad hoc expert group meeting on the application of remote sensing and isotope technology for water resource exploration and development in the ESCWA region (fourth quarter, 1995); and results of the ad hoc expert group meetings on review of programmes of regional organizations active in the field of water resources (fourth quarters, 1994 and 1995).

3. Published material

(a) Six issues of recurrent publications: data sheets for water and mineral resources (fourth quarters, 1994 and 1995); survey of the latest water and mineral resource-related developments in the region (fourth quarters, 1994 and 1995); and overview of recent developments in the water and mineral sectors: contribution to the survey of economic and social development in the ESCWA region (fourth quarters, 1994 and 1995);

(b) Three non-recurrent publications: assessment of water resource quality in the ESCWA region (third quarter, 1995);* economics of sulphur in the ESCWA region (fourth quarter, 1994); and study on the application of remote sensing and isotope technology for water resource exploration and development in the ESCWA region (fourth quarter, 1995).

4. Ad hoc expert groups

Three ad hoc expert groups on the application of remote sensing and isotope technology for water resource exploration and development in the ESCWA region (third quarter, 1995); and review of programmes of regional organizations active in the field of water resources (third quarter, 1994, and fourth quarter, 1995).

5. Operational activities (XB)

Group training: training workshop on remote sensing techniques (second quarter, 1995).

6. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Consultations will take place with UNESCO, WHO and FAO.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Consultants and experts

19.46 The estimated requirements for consultants and experts would amount to $51,400. This estimate comprises: (a) $17,900 for consultants, reflecting a decrease of $15,200, to provide specialized inputs into activities related to introducing new techniques in water resource exploration and development, such as remote sensing and isotope hydrology; assessing the environmental impacts due to water quality deterioration in the region; promoting mineral resource development and utilization in the region; and enhancing regional and subregional cooperation and coordination in the field of natural resources; and (b) $33,500 for three expert group meetings, one on the applications of new technologies in the field of water resource exploration and development (1995), and two to review of programmes of regional organizations active in the field of water resources (1994 and 1995).

Travel on official business

19.47 The estimated requirements of $22,200, which reflect a decrease of $2,000, relate to travel of staff to implement work programme activities and to participate in meetings of the Committee on Natural Resources and Inter-secretariat Groups for Water Resources.

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* High priority.

8. ENERGY ISSUES

TABLE 19.23. ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
		Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	1 121.6	-	-	1 121.6	23.1	1 144.7
Consultants and experts	72.6	(11.5)	(15.8)	61.1	12.4	73.5
Travel on official business	24.3	-	-	24.3	5.0	29.3
Total, regular budget	**1 218.5**	**(11.5)**	**(0.9)**	**1 207.0**	**40.5**	**1 247.5**

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

1992-1993 estimated expenditures	*Source of funds*	*1994-1995 estimated expenditures*
-	*(a)* Services in support of: (i) Other United Nations organizations	-
6.5	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	-
Total *(a)* **6.5**		-
6.0	*(b)* Substantive activities	-
Total *(b)* **6.0**		-
	(c) Operational projects	
57.1	UNEP	-
Total *(c)* **57.1**		-
Total *(a)*, *(b)* and *(c)* **69.6**		-
	Total costs	**1 247.5**

TABLE 19.24. POST REQUIREMENTS

Subprogramme: Energy issues

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-5	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-4	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-3	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	**4**	**4**	-	-	-	-	**4**	**4**
Other categories								
Local level	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
Total	**2**	**2**	-	-	-	-	**2**	**2**
Grand total	**6**	**6**	-	-	-	-	**6**	**6**

Subprogramme 8. Energy issues

19.48 Activities under this subprogramme will continue to focus on the monitoring and assessment of the various energy-related developments in the region, as well as the updating of an energy database intended to contribute to the improvement of energy information mechanisms. A particularly important area of activity will be the development of interconnected power networks. In this context, issues related to the interconnection of national electricity grids will be comprehensively studied with the objective of formulating a plan for the establishment of a regional power network.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations: coordination of activities with the secretariat of LAS and its affiliated organizations. Close and regular contacts will be maintained in particular with such international and regional entities as the World Bank, IAEA, the World Energy Council, the Liquified Petroleum Gas Forum, the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries, the Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization, OPEC and the International Institute for System Analysis.

2. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation: four reports to the Commission on policies and measures required for raising the efficiency of energy use and the possibilities of implementing demonstration projects in specific areas (fourth quarter, 1995); results of institutional aspects of renewable energy development in the ESCWA region (fourth quarter, 1994); outcome of the ad hoc expert group meeting on solar thermal and photovoltaic systems (fourth quarter, 1994); and outcome of the ad hoc expert group meeting on the prospects for a regional electricity network (fourth quarter, 1995).

3. Published material

(a) Six issues of recurrent publications: survey and assessment of energy-related activities with special emphasis on regional cooperation in the formulation and implementation of joint projects for the development of natural gas resources, (fourth quarters, 1994 and 1995); bulletin of energy data covering the latest figures on the production, distribution and consumption of the various forms of energy, (fourth quarters, 1994 and 1995); and overview of latest developments in the energy sector: contribution to the *Survey of Economic and Social Development in the ESCWA Region* (fourth quarters, 1994 and 1995);

(b) Non-recurrent publication: study on prospects of a regional electricity network (fourth quarter, 1995).

4. Ad hoc expert groups

Two ad hoc expert groups on the prospects for a regional electricity network, (fourth quarter, 1995);* and solar thermal and photovoltaic systems (fourth quarter 1994).

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* High priority.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Consultants and experts

19.49 The estimated requirements for consultants and experts would amount to $61,100. This estimate comprises: *(a)* $26,100, which reflects a decrease of $6,000, for expertise on policies and measures required for raising the efficiency of energy use, prospects for a regional electricity network and its connection with national electricity grids; and *(b)* $35,000, reflecting a decrease of $5,500, for two expert group meetings on the prospects for a regional electricity network and on solar thermal and photovoltaic systems.

Travel on official business

19.50 The estimated requirements for travel of staff for consultations, participation in meetings and collection of data would amount to $24,300.

9. POPULATION

TABLE 19.25. ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
		Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	1 845.7	-	-	1 845.7	33.9	1 879.6
Consultants and experts	81.6	(29.1)	(35.6)	52.5	17.6	70.1
Travel on official business	16.8	10.0	59.5	26.8	4.5	31.3
Total, regular budget	**1 944.1**	**(19.1)**	**(0.9)**	**1 925.0**	**56.0**	**1 981.0**

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

1992-1993 estimated expenditures	*Source of funds*	*1994-1995 estimated expenditures*
49.5	*(a)* Services in support of: Extrabudgetary activities	104.0
Total *(a)* **49.5**		**104.0**
-	*(b)* Substantive activities	-
Total *(b)* -		-
800.0	*(c)* Operational projects UNFPA	800.0
Total *(c)* **800.0**		**800.0**
Total *(a)*, *(b)* and *(c)* **849.5**		**904.0**
	Total costs	**2 885.0**

TABLE 19.26. POST REQUIREMENTS

Subprogramme: Population

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-5	1	1	-	-	3	3	4	4
P-4	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
P-3	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-2/1	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
Total	7	7	-	-	3	3	10	10
Other categories								
Local level	4	4	-	-	3	3	7	7
Total	4	4	-	-	3	3	7	7
Grand total	11	11	-	-	6	6	17	17

Subprogramme 9. Population

19.51 During the biennium, activities will focus on the study of demographic and employment aspects of poverty, the core theme for the four subprogrammes on Social development, Women and development, Population and Human settlements. The subprogramme will also deal with unemployment, integrating population variables into development and enhancement of durable capabilities of ESCWA member States in demographic data analysis. Work related to the International Conference on Population and Development (1994) will be completed. Analyses undertaken will also contribute to the annual *Survey of Economic and Social Development in the ESCWA Region.*

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations: coordination of activities with LAS/the Arab Labour Organization on issues related to the production of demographic estimates and to unemployment.

2. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation: two reports to the Commission on the outcome of the International Conference on Population and Development, 1994 (fourth quarter, 1994); and the results of the ad hoc expert group meeting on demographic estimates and projection (fourth quarter, 1995).

3. Published material

(a) Three recurrent publications: demographic and related socio-economic indicators (fourth quarter, 1995); and population and social development bulletin (second quarters, 1994 and 1995);

(b) Four non-recurrent publications: poverty: demographic and socio-economic responses (third quarter, 1994);* unemployment and poverty (third quarter, 1994); underemployment in the public sector (third quarter, 1995); and overview of national population policies, measures and programmes concerning population (fourth quarter, 1995);

(c) Technical material: Population database (fourth quarter, 1995); labour database in cooperation with the Statistics subprogramme (fourth quarter, 1995); and database on national policies measures and programmes on the labour force (fourth quarter, 1995).

4. Ad hoc expert groups

One expert group meeting on demographic estimates and projections (fourth quarter, 1995).

5. Operational activities (XB)

(a) Advisory services on strengthening planning and analytical capabilities of labour ministries and offices;

(b) Group training and seminars: training workshop on demographic analysis software (first quarter, 1995);** and seminar on integrating population variables into the planning process: research experiences and prospects (fourth quarter, 1995).

6. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Participation in the 1994 ad hoc Inter-agency Working Group on Demographic Estimates and Projections and the annual meetings of the ILO.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Consultants and experts

19.52 The estimated requirements for consultants and experts would amount to $52,500. The requirements for consultants to assist in the preparation of specialized inputs into a study on demographic and related socio-economic indicators, demographic changes resulting from poverty, special aspects of unemployment and technical education issues and an input into the meeting on demographic estimates and projections would amount to $26,800, which reflects a decrease of $1,200. The estimated requirements for the expert group meeting on demographic estimates and projections would amount to $25,700, which reflects a decrease of $27,900.

Travel on official business

19.53 The estimated requirements of $26,800 relate to participation in the annual meetings of ILO and the Arab Labour Organization; consultations on demographic estimates, population and labour policies and programmes; consultations on measures to strengthen capabilities of labour ministries; and participation in the biennial sessions of the Population Commission. The increase of $10,000 relates to a non-recurrent amount for participation in the International Conference on Population and Development (1994).

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* High priority.

** Low priority.

10. PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

TABLE 19.27. ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
		Amount	*Percentage*			
Salaries and common staff costs	508.1	63.6	12.5	571.7	70.1	641.8
Consultants and experts	5.3	15.1	248.9	20.4	4.3	24.7
Travel on official business	9.9	-	-	9.9	2.1	12.0
Total	**523.3**	**78.7**	**15.0**	**602.0**	**76.5**	**678.5**

TABLE 19.28. POST REQUIREMENTS

Subprogramme: Public administration and finance

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
P-4	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-3	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-2/1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	**2**	**3**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**2**	**3**
Other categories								
Local level	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Total	**1**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1**	**-**
Grand total	**3**	**3**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**3**	**3**

Subprogramme 10. Public administration and finance

19.54 The activities will focus on the mobilization, management and allocation of financial resources and the role of the public and private sectors therein; the functioning of public administration; monitoring fiscal and monetary developments and analysis of trends; and assessing the impact of exogenous developments. New activities in the biennium 1994-1995, will address the central role of government and efforts to expand the involvement of the private sector in the mobilization, management and allocation of financial resources.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation: A report to the Commission on the results and recommendations of the ad-hoc expert group meeting on investment incentives in the ESCWA region (fourth quarter, 1995).

2. Published material

(a) Two issues of recurrent publications: review of developments and trends in the monetary, fiscal and financial sectors in the economies of the ESCWA region (second quarters, 1994 and 1995);

(b) Four non-recurrent publications: tax reform in selected ESCWA countries (third quarter, 1994); the impact of the single European Market on the banking and financial sectors in the ESCWA region (fourth quarter, 1994);* investment incentives in selected ESCWA countries (fourth quarter, 1995); and the impact of subsidies and price controls on government budgets in selected ESCWA countries (fourth quarter, 1995).**

3. Ad hoc expert groups

One expert group meeting on investment incentives in the region (fourth quarter, 1995).

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Staff costs

19.55 It is proposed to reclassify one Local level post to the P-2 level in accordance with the standards promulgated by ICSC in the reclassification exercise for local level posts in the regional commissions.

Consultants and experts

19.56 The estimated requirements for consultants and experts would amount to $20,400. This comprises $5,300 for consultants to provide specialized inputs for the study of the impact of the single European market on the banking and financial sectors in the ESCWA region, and $15,100 for one ad hoc expert group to examine the conclusions reached in the study on investment incentives in selected ESCWA countries.

Travel on official business

19.57 The estimated requirements for travel of staff to consult with government officials and with officials of monetary and financial institutions and for participation in meetings would amount to $9,900.

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* High priority.

** Low priority.

11. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

TABLE 19.29. ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
		Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	654.5	156.5	23.9	811.0	2.5	813.5
Consultants and experts	52.7	(7.0)	(13.2)	45.7	9.7	55.4
Travel on official business	15.2	(1.3)	(8.5)	13.9	3.4	17.3
Total, regular budget	**722.4**	**148.2**	**20.5**	**870.6**	**15.6**	**886.2**

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

1992-1993 estimated expenditures	*Source of funds*	*1994-1995 estimated expenditures*
	(a) Services in support of:	
-	(i) Other United Nations organizations	-
6.0	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	37.7
Total *(a)* **6.0**		**37.7**
36.5	*(b)* Substantive activities	-
Total *(b)* **36.5**		-
	(c) Operational projects	
35.0	(i) UNEP	245.0
-	(ii) UNIDO	15.0
10.0	(iii) Other multilateral sources	-
17.9	(iv) Bilateral sources	30.0
Total *(c)* **62.9**		**290.0**
Total *(a)*, *(b)* and *(c)* **105.4**		**327.7**
	Total costs	**1 213.9**

TABLE 19.30. POST REQUIREMENTS

Subprogramme: Science and technology

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
P-5	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-4	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-2/1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	2	3	-	-	-	-	2	3
Other categories								
Local level	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
Total	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
Grand total	4	5	-	-	-	-	4	5

Subprogramme 11. Science and technology

19.58 The activities in the biennium 1994-1995 biennium will be concerned with strengthening the member countries' abilities to utilize new and advanced materials technology. In a continuation of the effort in this field in the previous biennium, four integrated activities will be conducted to assist member States in utilizing new and advanced technologies in their national economies. In the field of transfer of technology, special emphasis will be placed on transfer of environmentally sound technologies as a contribution to promoting multidisciplinary activities.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations: coordination with regional institutions such as the Federation of Arab Scientific Research Council, the Islamic Foundation for Science and Technology, the Islamic Academy for Science and Technology and the Canadian International Development and Research Centre.

2. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation: three reports to the Commission on activities concerned with the protection of the ozone layer (fourth quarter, 1994); the outcome of the ad hoc expert group meeting on specific new and advanced materials: resource availability and technology requirements for application in the ESCWA region (fourth quarter, 1995); and results of the ad hoc expert group meeting on revitalization of research and development activities in the ESCWA region (fourth quarter, 1995).

3. Published materials

Five non-recurrent publications: techno-economic aspects of the application of new materials technology in the ESCWA region with specific relevance to polymers, composite materials and ceramics (fourth quarter, 1995); revitalization of research and development activities in selected countries of the ESCWA region (third quarter, 1995); survey of progress in the ESCWA region in the field of science and technology for development (fourth quarter, 1995); the production and

consumption of substances harmful to the ozone layer in the ESCWA region (second quarter, 1995) (XB); and recent developments in the field of biotechnology and their relevance for ESCWA countries (third quarter, 1995).

4. Ad hoc expert groups

Two ad hoc expert groups on specific new and advanced materials: resource availability and technology requirements for application in the ESCWA region (third quarter, 1995);* and revitalization of research and development activities in the ESCWA region (second quarter, 1995) (RB/XB).**

5. Information materials and services

(a) Exhibits and other visual materials: an exhibition of new materials technologies and their application (fourth quarter, 1995) (RB/XB);

(b) Special events: an investment forum to promote specific advanced new materials in the ESCWA region (fourth quarter, 1995) (XB).

6. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Participation in and coordination with the ACC Task Force for Science and Technology for Development and with relevant specialized agencies, such as UNESCO and UNIDO.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Staff costs

19.59 It is proposed to redeploy one P-2 post from the Industrial development subprogramme to the Science and technology subprogramme, together with the activities relevant to biotechnology, which were formerly conducted under the Industrial development subprogramme.

Consultants and experts

19.60 The estimated requirement for consultants and experts would amount to $45,700. The provision for consultants to provide specialized technical inputs in relation to the application of new and advanced technologies in composites and ceramics materials, and in the revitalization of research and strengthening its linkages to production sectors in the region would amount to $18,500, which reflects a decrease of $7,000. The provision for two expert groups on the application of new and advanced technologies in composites and ceramics materials in the ESCWA region, and on revitalization of research and development activities would amount to $27,200.

Travel staff on official business

19.61 The estimated requirement of $13,900, which reflects a decrease of $1,300, relates to travel of staff for consultations with government officials, participation in technical meetings and in the ACC Task Force for Science and Technology for Development.

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* High priority.

** Low priority.

12. SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND WELFARE

TABLE 19.31. ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
		Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	1 000.9	-	-	1 000.9	22.1	1 023.0
Consultants and experts	33.8	7.0	20.7	40.8	9.0	49.8
Travel on official business	17.1	15.0	87.7	32.1	6.5	38.6
Total, regular budget	**1 051.8**	**22.0**	**2.0**	**1 073.8**	**37.6**	**1 111.4**

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

1992-1993 estimated expenditures	*Source of funds*	*1994-1995 estimated expenditures*
	(a) Services in support of:	
-	(i) Other United Nations organizations	-
10.0	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	54.0
Total *(a)* **10.0**		**54.0**
-	*(b)* Substantive activities	-
Total *(b)* -		-
	(c) Operational projects	
140.0	(i) Other multilateral sources	60.0
52.0	(ii) Bilateral sources	330.0
Total *(c)* **192.0**		**390.0**
Total *(a)*, *(b)* and *(c)* **202.0**		**444.0**
	Total costs	**1 555.4**

TABLE 19.32. POST REQUIREMENTS

Subprogramme: Social development and welfare

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1992-1993	1994-1995	1992-1993	1994-1995	1992-1993	1994-1995	1992-1993	1994-1995
Professional category and above								
P-5	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-4	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-3	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-2/1	1	1	-	-	1	1	2	2
Total	4	4	-	-	1	1	5	5
Other categories								
Local level	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
Total	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
Grand total	6	6	-	-	1	1	7	7

Subprogramme 12. Social development and welfare

19.62 The activities carried out under this subprogramme will address the question of poverty, the core theme for the four subprogrammes constituting the Social Development, Population and Human Settlements Division. Special attention will be accorded to social policy issues, particularly in the context of regional preparations for the World Summit for Social Development. The subprogramme will also continue to pay attention to marginalized social groups such as the disabled and youth, and to deal with social problems such as crime and drugs. Review of trends and policies will continue to serve as a basis for monitoring and assessment of the social situation in the region. Activities would also include those related to the World Summit for Social Development.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations: participation in relevant meetings of LAS.

2. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation: four reports to the Commission on technical assistance activities in the field of social development (fourth quarters, 1994 and 1995); conclusions and recommendations of the ad hoc expert group meeting on the situation and prospects of youth in the ESCWA region (fourth quarter, 1994); and results and recommendations of the regional preparatory meeting for the World Summit for Social Development (fourth quarter, 1994).

3. Published material

(a) Two issues of recurrent publications: survey of the social situation and trends in the ESCWA region (fourth quarter, 1995); and *Population and Social Development Bulletin*, No. 42 (fourth quarter, 1995);

(b) Six non-recurrent publications: emergencies, crises and poverty: the extent of and measures for alleviation of poverty in the region, including the occupied Palestinian territories (third quarter, 1994); the impact of emergency situations and crises on youth in the ESCWA region, including the occupied Palestinian territories (third quarter, 1994); regional programme of action for youth in the ESCWA region: update (third quarter, 1995) (XB); disability and women (second quarter, 1995); community development in Western Asia: experiences and prospects (third quarter, 1995) (XB); and proceedings of the regional preparatory meeting for the World Summit for Social Development (third quarter, 1995) (XB);

(c) Technical material: social development database (in cooperation with the Statistics subprogramme) (fourth quarter, 1995); and database on national policies, measures and programmes concerning social development and welfare (fourth quarter, 1995).

4. Ad hoc expert groups

Two ad hoc expert group meetings on the situation and prospect of youth in the ESCWA region (third quarter, 1994) (RB/XB); and on the regional component for the World Summit for Social Development (fourth quarter, 1994) (RB/XB).*

5. Operational activities (XB)

(a) Advisory services on social development issues;

(b) Group training, seminars and workshops: workshop on computer-based training for the blind (fourth quarter, 1995); and seminar on disability and women (third quarter, 1995);

(c) Field projects: rural community development project (fourth quarter, 1995).

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Consultants and experts

19.63 The estimated requirements for consultants and experts would amount to $40,800. The provision for consultants, to provide expertise on issues covered by the survey of the social situation and trends in the ESCWA region; poverty and its alleviation in the ESCWA region; and the impact of emergency situations and crises on youth in the ESCWA region, would amount to $17,400. The provision of $23,400, which includes an increase of $7,000, would cover the cost of convening the two expert group meetings mentioned above.

Travel on official business

19.64 The estimated requirement of $32,100 for travel relates to data collection, consultations with government officials on specific social development issues; and participation in meetings, including participation in the Commission for Social Development. A non-recurrent amount of $15,000 is proposed for travel to the World Summit for Social Development and the Ninth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and the Treatment of Offenders, both scheduled to be held in 1995.

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* High priority.

13. WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT

TABLE 19.33. ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
		Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	654.5	-	-	654.5	(21.6)	632.9
Consultants and experts	16.8	40.5	241.0	57.3	8.3	65.6
Travel on official business	14.9	5.0	33.5	19.9	4.1	24.0
Total, regular budget	**686.2**	**45.5**	**6.6**	**731.7**	**(9.2)**	**722.5**

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

1992-1993 estimated expenditures	*Source of funds*	*1994-1995 estimated expenditures*
	(a) Services in support of:	
-	(i) Other United Nations organizations	-
15.0	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	35.6
Total *(a)* **15.0**		**35.6**
-	*(b)* Substantive activities	-
Total *(b)* -		-
	(c) Operational projects	
132.6	UNIFEM	225.0
Total *(c)* **132.6**		**225.0**
Total *(a)*, *(b)* and *(c)* **147.6**		**260.6**
	Total costs	**983.1**

TABLE 19.34. POST REQUIREMENTS

Subprogramme: Women and development

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
P-5	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-4	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	**2**	**2**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**2**	**2**
Other categories								
Local level	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
Total	**2**	**2**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**2**	**2**
Grand total	**4**	**4**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**4**	**4**

Subprogramme 13. Women and development

19.65 The Women and development subprogramme is designed to provide a gender perspective on issues related to the reconstruction of the region and the core theme of poverty. It also includes activities dealing with the preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women, including a regional overview of policies and programmes specifically directed at the advancement of women.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations: coordination with the relevant bodies of LAS.

2. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation: four reports to the Commission on support to technical assistance projects for the development of women (fourth quarters, 1994 and 1995); results of the ad hoc expert group meeting on women and development (fourth quarter, 1994); and results and recommendations of the regional preparatory meeting for the Fourth World Conference on Women (fourth quarter, 1994).

3. Published materials

(a) Recurrent publications: series of studies on Arab women and development (third quarters, 1994 and 1995); and directory of Arab professional women in the field of technical cooperation among developing countries: update (fourth quarter, 1995);**

** Low priority.

(b) Two non-recurrent publications: regional plan of action for women and development (second quarter, 1994);* and impact of emergency situations and crises in the region on Arab women: the feminization of poverty (third quarter, 1994);

(c) Technical material: women and development database: update (in cooperation with the Statistics subprogramme) (fourth quarter, 1995); and database on policies, measures and programmes concerning women and development (fourth quarter, 1995).

4. Ad hoc expert groups

Three ad hoc expert groups on women and development (third quarter, 1994) (RB/XB); the Arab family (first quarter, 1994); and regional preparatory meeting for the Fourth World Conference on Women (fourth quarter, 1994).

5. Operational activities (XB)

(a) Advisory services: strengthening planning and programming capabilities of relevant ministries, women's organizations and non-governmental organizations;

(b) Field projects: women in community development (fourth quarter, 1995); and technical assistance projects for the development of women.

6. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Participation in the annual meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women and coordination of activities with entities of the United Nations system.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Consultants and experts

19.66 The estimated requirements for consultants and experts would be in the amount of $57,300 and reflect a resource growth of $40,500. This estimate comprises $19,300 for consultants to provide expertise in the preparation of the regional plan of action for women and of case-studies on the impact of emergency situations and crises on the feminization of poverty, and includes a non-recurrent amount of $10,000 for consultant services required for activities related to preparations of the Fourth World Conference on Women. The remaining $38,000 of the estimate, which includes a non-recurrent provision of $20,000, for an expert group meeting on the regional component for the Fourth World Conference on Women, would cover the cost of convening the two expert group meetings on women and development, and the Arab family.

Travel on official business

19.67 The estimated requirements for travel to consult with Governments and institutions in the region, particularly in relation to preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women, and participation in the Commission on the Status of Women would amount to $19,900, including a non-recurrent provision of $5,000 for travel to the Fourth World Conference on Women.

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* High priority.

14. STATISTICS

TABLE 19.35. ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
		Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	1 886.2	18.1	0.9	1 904.3	(141.9)	1 762.4
Consultants and experts	41.8	-	-	41.8	5.6	47.4
Travel on official business	28.1	-	-	28.1	6.1	34.2
Total, regular budget	**1 956.1**	**18.1**	**0.9**	**1 974.2**	**(130.2)**	**1 844.0**

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

	1992-1993 estimated expenditures	*Source of funds*	*1994-1995 estimated expenditures*
		(a) Services in support of:	
	-	(i) Other United Nations Organizations	-
	13.0	(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	26.8
Total *(a)*	**13.0**		**26.8**
	-	*(b)* Substantive activities	-
Total *(b)*	-		-
		(c) Operational projects	
	180.0	(i) Multilateral resources	200.0
	6.0	(ii) Bilateral resources	6.0
Total *(c)*	**186.0**		**206.0**
Total *(a)*, *(b)* and *(c)*	**199.0**		**232.8**
		Total costs	**2 076.8**

TABLE 19.36. POST REQUIREMENTS

Subprogramme: Statistics

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
P-4	3	2	-	-	-	-	3	2
P-3	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	**5**	**5**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**5**	**5**
Other categories								
Local level	8	8	-	-	-	-	8	8
Total	**8**	**8**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**8**	**8**
Grand total	**13**	**13**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**13**	**13**

Subprogramme 14. Statistics

19.68 During the biennium, following the establishment of the Statistical Committee, the statistical programme will focus particularly on expanding its coverage in economic and social statistics to include a labour force database, industrial database and a database on women and development; promoting international standards, concepts and definitions, especially in the field of national accounts where ESCWA will have the lead in the implementation of the revised system of national accounts in the ESCWA region; and contributing to the development of environment statistics in the ESCWA region.

Activities

1. International cooperation

External relations: cooperation with governmental and regional institutions, particularly LAS and its Standing Committee on Statistics, the Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics, the Statistical Committee of the Council for Arab Economic Cooperation and the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, in the development and coordination of statistical activities in the region; and collaboration with the International Statistical Institute.

2. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation: one report to the Statistical Committee on ESCWA statistical activities (third quarter, 1995).

3. Published material

(a) Seven issues of recurrent publications: *Statistical Abstract of the ESCWA Region* (fourth quarters, 1994 and 1995); *Bulletin of National Accounts* (fourth quarters, 1994 and 1995); *External Trade Bulletin of the ESCWA Region* (fourth quarter, 1994) (biennial);** *Projections and Estimates of National Accounts for the Periods 1992-1994 and 1993-1995* (fourth quarters, 1994 and 1995);

(b) Three non-recurrent publications: statistical indicators and charts on the situation of women in the ESCWA region (fourth quarter, 1994); technical paper on the impact of environmental variables on the estimates of national accounts (third quarter, 1994); and technical paper on strategy for the development of environment statistics in the ESCWA region (third quarter, 1995);

(c) Technical material: development and maintenance of databases on social statistics and indicators, labour force statistics, women, prices and financial statistics and industrial statistics (fourth quarter, 1995).*

4. Ad hoc expert groups

One ad hoc expert group on the implementation of the United Nations Revised System of National Accounts (second quarter, 1994).

5. Operational activities (XB)

(a) Advisory services on national accounts and economic statistics, household surveys and data processing;

(b) Group training: two workshops on the implementation of the revised system of national accounts (third quarters, 1994 and 1995).

6. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Coordination with statistical offices of specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations; participation in the United Nations Statistical Commission, the ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities and a number of inter-secretariat working groups.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Staff costs

19.69 It is proposed to reclassify one P-4 post to the P-5 level in view of the expanded programme called for by the newly established Statistical Committee and in view of the new areas to be covered, particularly in the field of environment.

Consultants and experts

19.70 The estimated requirements for consultants and experts would amount to $41,800. These requirements comprise $10,600 for expertise required for the expanded programme, particularly in the field of environment statistics, and $31,200 for one expert group meeting on the implementation of the revised system of national accounts in the ESCWA region.

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* High priority.

** Low priority.

Travel on official business

19.71 The estimated travel requirements for consultations and data collection in the region, participation in statistical policy meetings organized by regional organizations and statistical institutes, including the ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities and the United Nations Statistical Commission, would amount to $28,100.

15. TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

TABLE 19.37. ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
		Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	1 481.2	-	-	1 481.2	0.8	1 482.0
Consultants and experts	86.0	(23.8)	(27.6)	62.2	13.9	76.1
Travel on official business	33.5	-	-	33.5	6.6	40.1
Total	**1 600.7**	**(23.8)**	**(1.4)**	**1 576.9**	**21.3**	**1 598.2**

TABLE 19.38. POST REQUIREMENTS

Subprogramme: Transport and communications

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-4	3	3	-	-	-	-	3	3
P-2/1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	**5**	**5**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**5**	**5**
Other categories								
Local level	4	4	-	-	-	-	4	4
Total	**4**	**4**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**4**	**4**
Grand total	**9**	**9**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**9**	**9**

Subprogramme 15. Transport and communications

19.72 During the biennium, the activities will focus on the assessment of the needs for rehabilitation of the transport system in the region, on multimodal transport and on port pricing issues, as well as on transport-related pollution, with a view to arriving at concrete solutions to those problems. Activities pertaining to the ESCWA regional transport network and efforts geared towards interregional and regional transport cooperation will be intensified, in response to the second phase of the Transport and Communications Decade in Western Asia (1992-1996).

Activities

1. Parliamentary services

Parliamentary documentation: five reports to the Commission on proposed establishment of an ESCWA transport committee (second quarter, 1995); follow-up action pertaining to the second phase of the Transport and Communications Decade in Western Asia (1992-1996) (first quarter, 1994); interregional coordination of multimodal transport (second quarter, 1995); results of the ad hoc expert group meeting on the development of the multimodal transport chain in Western Asia (fourth quarter, 1995); and results of the ad hoc expert group meeting on maritime hydrographic survey and nautical charting (fourth quarter, 1994).

2. Published materials

(a) Four issues of recurrent publications: *Transport Bulletin* (fourth quarters, 1994 and 1995); and *Maritime transport statistics* (fourth quarters, 1994 and 1995);**

(b) Seven non-recurrent publications: assessment and rehabilitation of the transport system in the ESCWA region (second quarters, 1994 and 1995); port pricing model for the ESCWA region (fourth quarter, 1994); development of free zones in Western Asia (second quarter, 1994); ESCWA regional strategy for multimodal transport development and training (fourth quarter, 1994);* transport-related pollution (second quarter, 1995); and the effect of the policies of the single European market on air transport in ESCWA countries (fourth quarter, 1995).

3. Ad hoc expert groups

Two ad hoc expert groups on development of the multimodal transport chain in Western Asia (second quarter, 1995); and a maritime hydrographic survey and nautical charting (second quarter, 1994).

4. Operational activities (XB)

Advisory services on various aspects of transport policy, planning and management.

5. Coordination, harmonization and liaison

Coordination with ESCAP on joint studies and projects within the framework of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, as well as coordination of activities on the development of multimodal transport.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Consultants and experts

19.73 The estimated requirements would amount to $62,200 and reflect decreases of $12,600 for consultants and $11,200 for expert groups. The estimated requirements for consultants to provide expertise on assessment and rehabilitation of the transport system in the ESCWA region, the multimodal transport chain, transport-related pollution and effect of the single European market on air transport, and the Decade activities would amount to $29,300. The estimated requirements for one expert group on a maritime hydrographic survey and natural charting for the ESCWA region and one on the development of the multimodal transport chain in Western Asia would amount to $32,900.

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* High priority.

** Low priority.

Travel on official business

19.74 The estimated requirements of $33,500 relate to the participation at relevant intergovernmental and regional meetings, coordination with ESCAP and LAS on joint projects, consultations with Governments and relevant organizations, as well as the collection of data and information for various publications.

D. Programme support

TABLE 19.39. ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Programme support

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
		Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	18 127.0	444.5	2.4	18 571.5	(3 351.3)	15 220.2
Consultants and experts	125.6	(80.0)	(63.6)	45.6	13.5	59.1
Travel on official business	69.3	(6.6)	(9.5)	62.7	13.0	75.7
Contractual services	406.3	17.0	4.1	423.3	88.2	511.5
General operating expenses	3 172.6	(293.2)	(9.2)	2 879.4	642.9	3 522.3
Supplies and materials	543.7	(31.1)	(5.7)	512.6	106.5	619.1
Furniture and equipment	548.3	199.0	36.2	747.3	145.3	892.6
Total	**22 992.8**	**249.6**	**1.0**	**23 242.4**	**(2 341.9)**	**20 900.5**

TABLE 19.40. POST REQUIREMENTS

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Programme support

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*				*Total*	
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*			
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-5	5	5	-	-	-	-	5	5
P-4	7	7	-	-	-	-	7	7
P-3	12	12	-	-	-	-	12	12
P-2/1	3	5	-	-	-	-	3	5
Total	**28**	**30**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**28**	**30**
Other categories								
Local level	131	127	-	-	1	1	132	128
Field Service	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
Total	**131**	**130**	**-**	**-**	**1**	**1**	**132**	**131**
Grand total	**159**	**160**	**-**	**-**	**1**	**1**	**160**	**161**

19.75 The activities carried out under programme support comprise information services, conference and library services, management of technical cooperation and administration and common services.

Activities

1. Information services

Services to be provided relate to ESCWA activities, as well as those undertaken jointly with the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, and include the issuance of a fortnightly newsletter on ESCWA activities, periodic bulletins, press releases and news dispatches concerning United Nations and ESCWA activities. Other activities are liaison with the news media, governmental and non-governmental organizations, educational institutions and other local redisseminators of information.

2. Conference and library services

Activities will include the provision of conference services to meetings of policy-making bodies of ESCWA and other intergovernmental and ad hoc expert group meetings, including regional preparatory conferences for global conferences; editing, translation and printing of documents and publications; and library services.

3. Management of technical cooperation activities

Services provided include coordination, identification and formulation of project proposals, execution and monitoring of projects financed by UNDP and other United Nations agencies; organization of training courses, seminars and fellowships; liaison with government and non-governmental officials; and publication of reports on missions by regional advisers.

4. Administration and common services

The Division of Administration will provide services in connection with human resource management, financial administration and resource planning, use of common services and electronic support to facilitate the implementation of the work programme.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Staff costs

19.76 It is proposed to reclassify two Local level posts to the P-2 level in accordance with the standards promulgated by ICSC in the reclassification exercise for Local level staff in the regional commissions. It is also proposed to redeploy two Local level posts to Executive direction and management.

19.77 It is further proposed to transfer three Field Service posts from the Field Operations Division to ESCWA in connection with the implementation of the new global satellite communications network. One post would be for a senior technician for the Telecommunications Operations, and the other two posts would be utilized for two technicians, one each for the Satellite and the Switching Units of the Telecommunications Operations.

Consultants and experts

19.78 The estimated requirements for consultants and experts would amount to $45,600 and would cover the costs of a medical doctor and a legal adviser. This estimate reflects a decrease of $80,000.

Travel on official business

19.79 The estimated requirements of $62,700, reflecting a decrease of $6,600, would provide for travel of staff for consultations and participation in meetings on administration, personnel, budget and finance, procurement and security matters.

Contractual services

19.80 The estimated requirements of $423,300 relate to contractual translation, editing and external printing and binding and include an increase of $17,000 for data-processing services for the additional users of the IMIS project.

General operating expenses

19.81 The estimated requirements of $2,879,400 reflect a decrease of $293,200 due mainly to lower costs of rental and maintenance of premises, utilities, insurance and other miscellaneous costs at Amman. The requirements would be for rental and maintenance of premises ($1,819,500), utilities ($358,900), communications ($591,800), hospitality ($13,400) and miscellaneous costs ($95,800).

Supplies and materials

19.82 The estimated requirements of $512,600, reflecting a decrease of $31,100, would cover the costs of office supplies and materials for data processing and internal printing, and library books.

Furniture and equipment

19.83 The estimated requirements of $747,300 include non-recurrent provisions of $78,000 for the purchase of furniture and equipment that had not been necessary at Baghdad and $51,000 for the purchase of computers that are part of the IMIS project.